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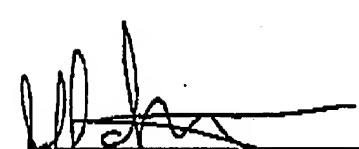

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constructs and reconfigures high quality trees. A distinguished feature of our approach is that the tree reconfiguration is initiated just-in-time by the application client at the receiver when the media quality falls below a specific threshold. The goal is to achieve dynamic tree reconfiguration with very low switching delay such that end users do not perceive any application performance degradation.

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